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1. The reply filed on 27 November 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The response is not clear as to which of the many species is being elected as it states on page 1 that the species of Figures 116 and 117 is elected, but on page 2, the species of Figures 23-35 are elected. Thus the response has two elections.

This is the same response that was filed twice before and the previous response of 18 November was also held to be non-responsive. Applicants must elect one of the listed species, and only one. They may state that other species should be included, however only one species can be elected for any response to be considered responsive.

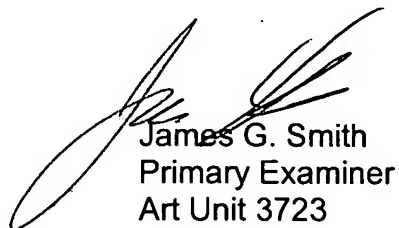
2. **THE TIME PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS LETTER CONTINUES TO RUN FROM THE DATE OF THE 18 NOVEMBER 2002 OFFICE ACTION.**

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James G. Smith whose telephone number is 703-308-1746. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (7:05- 4:35) first Fri. off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail, III can be reached on 703-308-2687. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3579 for regular communications and 703-305-9835 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1148.



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